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DELAWARE R. R.—TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLETOWN.  
Going North, 7.55 A.M., 10.56 A.M., 5.45 P.M.  
Going South, 10.18 A.M., 2.11 P.M., 7.38 P.M.

### Local Affairs.

#### Town Notes.

Butter continues scarce in our local market. "Fifteen" puzzle patients are conversant. March, so far, has fully sustained his past record.

Johnson's new hardware store will be open next week.

Kreer, the photographer, has departed for pastures new.

Mr. T. E. Lindley will have a public sale of horse, wagons, etc., on Tuesday.

Adkinson & Co. have commenced the manufacture of a very superior baking powder.

Our Odessa friends had two excellent and very successful entertainments, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

A subscription paper for annual membership to the Middletown Library Association, is now at the post office.

W. H. Moore & Co., have recently placed on their counter, a large and handsome cabinet for holding soap suds.

Did you ever notice that when the roads get very bad, somebody has always got a great deal of hauling to do?

The iron bridge over Blackbird run is said to be needing a coat of paint badly. Some parts of it are nearly eaten in two by the rust.

John Vandenberg has returned from South Bend, and we learn that two more of those who went to that place from Middletown, will be back again next week.

It is probable that Miss Bunnell will be wanted to read again at Middletown, in the near future. She can count on an enthusiastic reception whenever she comes this way.

Miss M. C. Cole has arranged to give a musical and literary entertainment in the Town Hall, on the evening of Easter Monday. She will be assisted by Wilmington talent.

We are not frightened about the patches yet. We are counting on a crop, and we shall advocate the immediate suppression of the very first editor that threatens to kill the buds.

The annual catalogue and premium list of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Association is being prepared for printing. Those desiring advertising space in the same, should apply to the Secretary.

Miss E. S. Chadbourne, with whom our people were so much pleased, at a former visit, will give select readings in Middletown on either the 5th or 6th of April. The certain date will be announced next week.

Next week many persons will enjoy the felicity of moving. Some persons move but rarely, while others move so often that they come to like it and anxiously wait for the time for making the annual change of base.

The Board of Town Commissioners organized on Tuesday. No change was made in President and Secretary. P. Stevens was appointed lamp-lighter, it being decided to make no provision for police duty at present.

The people of this community will regret to learn that Rev. Dr. Patton is obliged, by the weight of years, to resign his charge. He has been pastor of Forest Church for 15 years; an able and faithful minister and an honored citizen.

Rev. T. E. Martindale, bade farewell to his congregation, Sunday last. He reluctantly leaves the people among whom he has been for three years, and a universal regret is expressed that the thoughtful custom compels his appointment to a new field.

The engine of the north bound passenger train that reaches here at 10:46 a. m., broke down at St. Anne's crossing, on Friday, and was delayed several hours. The engine was repaired so as to bring the train to Middletown, when another was telegraphed for.

S. M. Reynolds & Co., are making an important change in their stores. The clothing department has been moved up-stairs and the grocery department brought into the room formerly occupied by the clothing, known as No. 2 Cochrane Square. The firm is retitting and will make this department an attractive one.

Mr. C. Cathart Taylor, who ended his life by his own hand, in Philadelphia, Sunday last, spent several years of his boyhood in Middletown and is remembered by many of our people. He also had relatives here, of whom, Wm. Green, Esq., accompanied the remains to the place of interment, on Tuesday.

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### Monday's Entertainment.

Those who went to the Hall on Monday evening will not regret the walk through the rain. It was one of the most enjoyable entertainments that has ever been given here, and Miss Bunnell, the Irma Quartette, and others who assisted, may have the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts to please were not in vain. As a humorous reader the little lady above mentioned is inimitable. She has a keen sense of the funny side of things, and enters fully into the spirit of the author she reads. Fun becomes infectious, and her narrators, after a few feeble efforts to check the ebullition of spirits, give in, lay back, and let the laughter come. Miss Bunnell is touching, too, in the pathetic, as was shown in her "Palmer of Saville." "The Creed of the Bible," a most difficult selection, was beautifully rendered. The ladies' versification was shown to best advantage in "A Specimen Reading Class," where, in rapid succession, the peculiarities of a class in reading, in a country school, were vividly and naturally portrayed. Miss Bunnell was frequently obliged to shut off her humor, in this selection, in order to allow her auditors a breathing spell. The musical programme by the Irma Quartette was excellent. Mrs. Marion Price and Miss Belle Pennington were heartily applauded in vocal solos. The final decoration of the stage showed the good taste of the ladies who had the matter in charge. The weather being so unfavorable, the receipts from the entertainment were not very large, but a neat sum was netted by the ladies of the church. We are glad to state that arrangements are being made to have Miss Bunnell come again in May.

### Fire.

The refrigerator building, near the railroad, frequently called "Bradley's freezo," took fire about two o'clock, Saturday morning last, and was totally destroyed. The fire was well underway when first discovered, and the building, being largely composed of resinous pine, burned like a torch, and that the people were awakened by the bright light, and many of those living in the vicinity of the fire got up and went to the scene. The whole town was illumined by the blaze. The wind being from the northeast, the sparks were carried directly away from adjacent buildings and there was no fear for the safety of other property. Several Babcock extinguishers were, however, taken to the fire but were of no use. The building was almost entirely consumed within an hour from the time the fire was discovered. As the night was damp and a light snow falling at the time, the flames must have originated within the building, and we have further proof toward this conclusion in the fact that the building was pretty well burned out inside when the fire was first seen. It is said that colored men have frequented the building at night, gaining ingress through a window, for the purpose of playing cards, and that they had been known to build a fire on the floor. This may account for the fire, and the manner in which the building burned would indicate that the flames started near its centre. This fruit refrigerator was built by C. C. Fellows & Co., of New York. It was built of the very best material and cost about \$10,000. It would hold probably 50,000 baskets of peaches, and the idea was, by blowing cold air from an immense machine, that it would keep the fruit in a perfect state until the season was over. In fact, it was a refrigerator on a big scale. It was not a success. The season of '75 brought a big peach crop, and the refrigerator was nearly filled with fruit, much of which rotted. That which came out in a tolerably sound condition tasted so much of the rancidous pine, of which the box was made, that it was comparatively worthless. The building was not used as a refrigerator again. It stood idle until August, 1878, when it was purchased by A. T. Bradley, who intended to convert it into a flour mill. Considerable machinery was put in and corn burrs started, when, from some cause, probably want of capital, the owner abandoned his mill and disposed of the engine. The building was insured in the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, of Wilmington, for \$2,000. A policy of \$800, in New York company, was allowed to run out some time ago. Mr. C. C. Sellers also held a policy of insurance to the amount of \$550, to better secure a claim to this amount, against the property, but it, too, had run out. It was for this Sellers' claim that the property was advertised at sheriff's sale. At the time of the fire Mr. Bradley was in Philadelphia negotiating with a party for an exchange of the building for real property, and he also collected a bargain when he learned that the "freezo" was burned.

### Missionary Anniversary.

The Anniversary services of the M. E. Church were held on Sunday afternoon last. Appropriate addresses were made by Rev. T. E. Martindale, the pastor, and Rev. W. G. Lewis, Rector of St. Anne's P. E. Church. An unexpected event was the presentation of a new ministerial hat to Rev. M. Martindale, from the new converts of the church. Mr. Wm. T. Cain made the presentation speech. The collection for the missionary cause amounted to \$246, an advance over that of last year. This added to previous collections for the missionary fund, in 1878 and Sunday school, makes a total of \$308. When the brethren read this we want him to give Middletown a little credit and not go around complaining that we might have done better. The brethren must remember that we have had a hard sort of a time around here recently. And furthermore, that same brethren must remember that he is pretty much of an expert, and that it is about time for him to quit being a heathen and attend the very missionary service we send out to convert him. Our friends will do well to send the brethren a few marked copies of this paper. After the collection came the saddest thing in connection with these Sunday school anniversaries. We refer to the memorial service, when those of the school who have dropped out of time and taken up their work with the Master are touching remembered by the school in a very suitable token to those nearest and dearest to them. One only has been taken from the school by death during the past year—Ernest Lucas, son of Rev. T. E. and Mrs. A. H. Martindale. Superintendent A. G. Cox, delivered the memorial address and presented the token of remembrance—a beautiful white wreath of wax flowers.

### Personal.

We suppose that our people are always glad to hear of the success of their friends who have sought new homes in other States. Many of those being subscribers to the Transcript, we are able to keep track of them, and from time to time speak of their undertakings in new fields. Mr. Charles A. Bryan, a former resident of Bohemia Manor, and who has many relatives in this community, sought a new home in the South, at the close of the war, and has prospered. With the New Orleans gentlemen he purchased the "Hope estate," a large tract of land in Franklin Parish, La., where he engaged in cotton growing and stock raising. Recently he purchased, individually, an additional tract embracing about 200 acres, adjoining the "Hope estate." Mr. Bryan is President of the Board of Commissioners of Franklin Parish, and is one of the leading citizens of his State. He contemplates a trip North during next season.

### Death of E. W. Lockwood.

Death has called away another useful citizen this week. Edward W. Lockwood, after a short illness, died at his residence, in Middletown, on Thursday morning, in the 56th year of his age. His condition was such that it was thought he would not survive the Wednesday morning preceding his death, when he commenced to sink rapidly and peacefully passed away surrounded by his grief-stricken family. Deceased spent many years of his life in Cecil county, Md., chiefly engaged in farming. He removed to Middletown about eight years ago, where he has since resided. He was a man of excellent mind and a great reader. In matters of business he was considered an authority and was ever ready to give the benefit of his experience to those who applied to him for advice. He leaves a large circle of relatives. The funeral will take place to-day (Saturday) at 10 o'clock, A. M. Interment at St. Francis Xavier Church, near Warwick, Md.

### Mutual Loan Association.

The annual election for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors was held at the regular monthly meeting of the Middletown Mutual Loan Association, on Tuesday evening. The result was as follows: President, G. E. Hukill; Vice President, H. A. Nowland; Secretary and Treasurer, A. G. Cox; Directors, J. M. Cox, James H. Hofferter, T. H. Gilpin. These are all re-elections. About sixty-five votes were polled, a larger number than usual. The seventh annual report was submitted, showing the following net profit on each share of stock: 1874, \$1.00; 1875, \$1.00; 1876, \$1.00; 1877, \$1.00; 1878, \$1.00; 1879, \$1.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1878 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1879 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1880 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1881 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1882 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1883 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1884 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1885 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1886 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1887 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1888 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1889 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1890 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1891 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1892 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1893 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1894 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1895 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1896 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1897 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1898 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1899 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1900 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1901 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1902 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1903 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1904 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1905 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year 1906 was \$1,000.00. The total profit on the shares of stock for the year



